

Today

Go on Swimming.
Please Dissolve Me.
The Biggest Failure.
Some Foolish Employers.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Mr. Cox says he "favors self-determination for Ireland." That is like saying to a drowning man, "I advise you to continue swimming." The question is, what would Mr. Cox DO to make good the "self-determination" idea if he were elected President? It is a harmless question, for he will not be elected.

With all the solemnity of "Pooh Bah" a Government commission announces that it "must dissolve, chop up, do away with the International Harvester Company, the trust that makes machinery for farmers."

"You are wicked, you have profited, you have entered into price agreements, and so you must die," says the Government commission, and it never smiles.

The Harvester Trust will say, "Please do dissolve me," eager for dissolution as Br'er rabbit was eager for the briar patch. All trusts remember the Standard Oil, solemnly dissolved, chopped up into little pieces, treated as a French cook treats cold meat the next day. It was chopped very fine. Each little piece now is worth about as much as the whole thing was worth originally.

The big problem of the world is distribution. And the big failure of the world is distribution under private ownership. Apples rot on the ground because it does not pay the farmer to pick them up, box them, and ship them. How many people do you suppose of the hundred millions in this country would be glad to pay a fair price for those apples?

In Baltimore hundreds of watermelons were given away; there was nobody to buy them, too many watermelons for that particular locality.

The ordinary system would be to throw them overboard to keep up the price. An entire shipload of melons, the best grade, sold for seven and one-half cents apiece. You could not buy one in any retail store north of Baltimore for less than a dollar.

A man recently went from the State of Maryland to New York city carrying in his Pullman car a bushel of sweet corn for which he paid fifteen cents; a bushel of tomatoes that cost thirty cents, and a bushel of the finest peaches for which he paid one dollar and twenty cents.

That answers the question: "Is there anything the matter with magnificent PRIVATELY-OWNED distribution?"

The Government, through its parcels post, has machinery for distribution. But Congress, controlled through its leaders by organized money, fights every effort made by Postmaster General Burleson to extend the parcels post and increase its usefulness. Farmers produce the food; a hundred million people need it; the middlemen profiteer, and the railroads fail. The Government, supposed to represent the "public intelligence," does nothing.

Italy is close to the edge of a real industrial revolution. It isn't probable that even an imitation monarchy will long survive the war. Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, who has studied the history of revolution and of progress, said just after the Russian explosion:

"The next revolution will come in Italy, then in France, in England, then in Germany. After that in America."

Some of those that heard the prophecy considered it preposterous. They observe now with amazement that Germany, beaten and bankrupt, has actually been able to maintain stable government and with less difficulty than in some of the victorious countries.

As for America, everything depends on those that now rule the country, namely, the great industrial corporations and the big employers.

An intelligent correspondent sends to his newspaper a description of "employers organizing to keep down pay." Too much and too successful organization of that kind will cause trouble. Better organize to keep industry going, to limit profiteering, to make it possible to CONTINUE good wages, with all working.

Interesting news from Toronto: "Canada cannot keep her population." It seems that in spite of constant, heavy immigration, in spite of extremely intelligent management by the government, helping and encouraging farmers, the population of Canada keeps leaking into the United States.

There is something, perhaps, in the theory that men would rather govern themselves than be governed from abroad. Even descending visits from the Prince of Wales and the hope of handles to their names, Sir This, Lord That, will not quite take the place of independent government.

OLIVE THOMAS NOT A SUICIDE, VERDICT OF PARIS POLICE

WEATHER:

Fair tonight, cloudy tomorrow. Mild temperature. Moderate westerly wind. Temperature at 8 o'clock, 67 degrees.

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WIFE FEARED KUEHLING WOULD POISON HER

OLIVE'S DEATH SHOCKS PARIS

Thomas Tragedy Bares Cocaine Orgies and Wild "Baby-lonian Revels."

PICKFORD IS QUESTIONED

Husband Tells of Night of Carousal and Events Which Followed.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The death of Olive Thomas, beautiful young motion-picture actress, who died in the American hospital at Neuilly from bichloride of mercury poisoning, was accidental, it was announced today by Police Commissioner Catroux, who conducted an official investigation.

NOT INTENTIONAL SUICIDE.

M. Catroux said he would make a report to the judicial authorities to show that Miss Thomas was the victim of an accident and that she had not intentionally committed suicide. M. Catroux made his formal report this afternoon and recommended that the embalming and burial of the body be authorized. The finding of the judicial authorities will be announced tonight.

Doctors who attended Miss Thomas testified that she was in such condition that she was unable to utter a word after being taken to the hospital, and that they had relied entirely upon the version supplied by the husband.

The investigation was conducted with great speed and the police official said at noon that it was virtually completed. He examined employees of the hotel, where Miss Thomas was living, doctors who attended the American girl, and the husband, "Jack" Pickford, brother of Mary Pickford.

Pickford protested against reports that there had been a disagreement between his wife and himself. He branded them as untrue. Testifying at the inquiry, the young husband said he returned to the Ritz hotel at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning, after spending the night dancing at Montmartre resorts with his wife. He declared that both his wife and himself were sober.

"I went to bed and my wife entered the bath room," continued Pickford. "She took a bottle from a large number on the table and drank from it. Then she threw the bottle upon the floor in alarm and called for help."

"I jumped from the bed and ran into the bath room, where my wife was standing in the middle of the floor and the broken bottle was lying at her feet. I saw that she had taken

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DEMOCRATS ASKED GIRLS TO AID FUND

Probers Hear Revenue Clerks Were Solicited by Campaign Collectors.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—How twelve \$120-a-month girl employees of the internal revenue collector's office at Aberdeen, S. D., were called into a hotel conference by the Democratic fund collectors closely associated with the revenue collector himself and solicited for campaign contributions was told to Senatorial investigators today by Miss Eunice Coyne, a newspaper reporter who "covered" the party, and by Miss Jennie Burchard, one of the girls solicited.

The testimony of the girls aroused the Senators so that both Chairman W. S. Kenyon and Senator James A. Reed openly expressed indignation.

GERMANY DISARMING ACCORDING TO TERMS

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The disarmament of Germany as provided for in the agreement reached at the Spa conference is proceeding satisfactorily. The status of German disarmament, demanded by the peace treaty, will be reached in November, it was said.

TRIES TO SAVE FAMILY IN BURNING HOME; FAILS

GREAT NECK, N. Y., Sept. 11.—While Leo Kaminski made ineffectual efforts to rescue his family from their burning home early today Mrs. Kaminski and two children were burned to death. Kaminski himself was so badly burned that he was taken to the Flushing Hospital in a dying condition.

Only one member of the family escaped unhurt—John, aged six.

S. Wade C. Send word to mother and dad, worrying; will send money; love you.

GERMANY TURNING ITS SWORD INTO FLOWSHARE

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—Germany is offering premiums and rewards aggregating 200 million marks as an inducement to the civil population to give up its military weapons and as an evidence of her sincere endeavor to disarm.

Germany is preparing literally to turn her sword into a plowshare of peace. All metal from the rifles, machine guns and cannons turned in by the population will be melted down and recast into agricultural implements and machinery. It is estimated that approximately one million and a half military rifles, several thousand machine guns and tens of thousands of army revolvers are still in the hands of the civilians.

WOMAN TO BE NEW D. C. HEAD

Miss Boardman, Red Cross Official, Said to Have Accepted Post.

Miss Mabel T. Boardman, the new District Commissioner, will begin her duties immediately upon her arrival from her summer home in Canada. Miss Boardman will arrive in Washington on September 24.

From her home at Pointe au Pic, Murray Bay, Province of Quebec, Canada, today Miss Boardman said that she had accepted the place in the District government, but did not know whether she was going to succeed Commissioner Brownlow or Commissioner Gardiner.

She said that she would resign from the secretaryship of the American National Red Cross, but would keep up her activities with the District Chapter.

Miss Boardman said that she had made no definite plans for work in the District government, preferring to look over the situation after she arrived here.

Much speculation was indulged in here today when it was learned that Miss Boardman would not arrive here until September 24 as to the status of things between September 15, when Commissioner Brownlow leaves, and when Miss Boardman arrives. During that time the District will be without a quorum for doing business, as Colonel Kutz will be the only member of the board. The law requires two members to transact business.

It is not known here whether Miss Boardman has been appointed to succeed Commissioner Brownlow or to succeed Commissioner Gardiner. It is supposed that if the President is going to appoint two Commissioners at this time he will appoint a Democrat to succeed Brownlow and give Miss Boardman the place left vacant by the recent resignation of Commissioner Gardiner.

This theory is based upon the fact that the successor of Commissioner Gardiner will not receive pay for the time the job is held unless the appointment is confirmed by the Senate. Then the nominee will receive back pay. Miss Boardman is wealthy, and one of the few available appointees who could afford to take the place on these conditions.

The first inkling of the appointment of Miss Boardman is said to have come from a woman high in the ranks of the Red Cross, who received word from Miss Boardman that she had been offered and had accepted the place.

It is probable the President will appoint a Democrat to the other Commissioner's place, as Miss Boardman is a Republican and a warm personal friend of former President Taft. Miss Boardman is the first Republican to be appointed to the position.

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REDS DRIVE POLES BACK ACROSS BUG

Claim to Have Captured Prisoners and Guns in Vicinity of Lemberg.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—Heavy fighting between the Russians and Poles continues southeast of Grodno, east of Brest Litovsk, and in the direction of Vladimir Volynski, said a Soviet war communiqué wireless from Moscow today.

"We are attempting to drive back the Poles who crossed the right bank of the western Bug river. We have captured additional prisoners and guns in the sector of Lemberg. There is local fighting in the region of Rohatyn."

AN IDEAL HUSBAND.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—"My wages are \$15.08 a week and I give my wife \$15 and keep the 8 cents for myself," said a husband in a London police court.

DEATH NEAPER CORK MAYOR

McSwiney Now Completely Prostrated—Police Fear Riots When End Comes.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Terence McSwiney, hunger-striking lord mayor of Cork, suffered a sharp relapse in Brixton jail infirmary this afternoon. Annie McSwiney, a sister, left the infirmary at 3:10 o'clock, saying that the end was expected momentarily. Miss McSwiney was weeping and in an excited frame of mind.

Warnings were posted at Brixton jail today imposing a penalty upon any warden who informed outsiders in the event of McSwiney's death. The government plans to hold up the news until it is officially announced by the home office.

GUARD AGAINST MOBS.

The commissioner of the metropolitan police and the superintendent of Brixton jail inspected all the approaches to the prison to see that they were secure against possible attacks by mobs. The police are taking precautionary measures to cope with riots about the jail when the lord mayor dies.

McSwiney, who has been on a hunger strike for thirty days, again spent a restless night. He slept fitfully and was very weak.

McSwiney's iron will to defy the British government to death shows no sign of weakening. He made it known to his wife that he would die rather than make any promises to the government that would gain his release.

SEND MESSAGE TO BROTHER.

McSwiney yesterday sent the following message to his oldest brother, Peter, who lives in New York:

"In life or in death the victory is ours. In death we shall be even greater. This makes us end happy. God is watching over us, and in our trust in Him we shall triumph. Love and blessings from all."

"TERRY."

IRISH ON 33D DAY OF HUNGER STRIKE

CORK, Sept. 11.—Irish hunger strikers in the Cork jail entered the thirty-third day of self-imposed starvation today. Reports have been persistent that the prisoners were being "doped" to keep up their vitality, but inquiry in official quarters failed to substantiate this.

COX HITS MOB RULE; JUSTICE, HIS PLEA

Takes Up Campaign Fund Charges Again in Address At Bellingham.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 11.—Government must never be at the mercy of a lower or an upper mob, Gov. James M. Cox, Democratic nominee for President, declared in a speech here today, and asserted that if Government is kept always responsible to the will of the people there will be neither exploitation of the worker nor injustice to the employer.

Evidence purporting to show that Seattle has raised \$60,000 of its \$65,000 allotment was submitted by Governor Cox in the form of a letter which he said was signed by H. F. Alexander, chairman of the Republican finance committee, and in the same document the quota of Pierce county, Wash., was given as \$20,000.

"I hold," said Governor Cox, "that in the United States there is no call for extreme radicalism. If government is fair, there will be no special privilege and certainly no unfair advantage to anyone. Just as surely as the pendulum swings to the extreme right in favoritism and unfair privilege, there is certain to result a swing to the extreme left of radicalism with a resultant smash."

The purpose of government as a democracy, the governor continued, is to hold the scale of justice true. To save every person of every class opportunity to achieve happiness, is the only way, he said.

PAIR OF HUSBANDS BRING 3 YEARS IN PEN

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 11.—Vera Jones was haled into court for having two husbands. She explained that she didn't know about the second marriage until she woke up and read about it in the paper the next morning.

The judge gave her three years.

\$100--One Hundred Dollars Reward--\$100

The Washington Times hereby offers a reward of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the recovery or information leading to recovery of the body of Mrs. Gertrude V. Kuehling.

Major Harry Gessford, Superintendent of Police, shall be sole and final judge in determination of any claim for this reward.

ROY H. KUEHLING, photographed this morning as he was leaving Police Headquarters to visit for the second time the scene of the drowning of his wife Mrs. Gertrude Viger Kuehling. Detective A. B. Scrivener is at the left, Detective Frank Baur at the right, and Detective Edward Kelly in the rear.



New Woman's Party To Demand Bolshevik Divorce Laws Here

SECOND PRIMARY TO BE HELD IN GA. OCTOBER 6

Gubernatorial Race Between Hardwick and Walker Undecided. Watson to Come to Senate.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 11.—A second primary will be necessary, to decide the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Georgia.

Needing 194 country units to clinch the nomination, former United States Senator Thomas Hardwick received but 188, according to unofficial returns. Clifford Walker, his nearest opponent, received 186, and John F. Holder, 22.

Thomas E. Watson has been nominated for United States Senator. Complete figures in Wednesday's primaries are:

For governor—Thomas W. Hardwick, 95,492; J. N. Holder, 36,453; J. R. Walker, 88,094; W. R. Brown, 2,895.

For United States Senator—Thomas E. Watson, 97,721; Hugh M. Dorsey, 67,391; Hoke Smith, 53,956; J. R. Cooper, 1,751.

The gubernatorial race will be run over between ex-Senator Hardwick and Walker on October 6.

FIRST COAL FROM LENS.

LENS, France, Sept. 11.—A small shipment of coal left one of the pits here yesterday.

Will Use Militant Tactics and Turn Hunger Strikers to Enforce Demands.

By MILDRED MORRIS, International News Service.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The tactics employed by the militant suffragists to win the ballot, even to picketing and hunger striking, will be used by the proposed new woman's political party to enforce its demands.

PLAN MILITARY TACTICS.

The majority of the members of the executive committee and advisory council of the National Woman's Party, which met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, at Port Washington, L. I., to discuss plans for the first national convention of women voters, reported that the sentiment of the women in their State organizations is for independent political action and for the employment of militant tactics to reinforce the power of the ballot. Most of them also went on record in favor of placing women candidates in the field for all State and Federal offices from "the lowest to the highest."

Discussing a platform for the proposed new party, they declared for the economic independence of married women, advocating uniform laws to replace present marriage and divorce statutes—which would require

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HEAD OF RUSSIAN TRADE MISSION QUITS LONDON

Kameneff Goes to Moscow—No Indication of Early Resumption of Negotiations.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—M. Kameneff, one of the responsible heads of the Bolshevik trade commission, which has been conducting negotiations with the British government for the reopening of commercial relations with Soviet Russia, left for Moscow today.

The trade negotiations were halted several weeks ago and there is no indication as to whether they will be resumed soon.

WISCONSIN G. O. P. PICKS BLAINE FOR GOVERNOR

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 11.—Virtually complete, although unofficial, returns from Tuesday's primary make certain the nomination of John J. Blaine, present attorney general, as the Republican candidate for governor. With but three counties flaking, Blaine has a lead of approximately 10,000 votes.

Senator Irvine L. Lenroot defeated James Thompson, the LaFollette candidate, by approximately 25,000 votes for the Republican Senatorial nomination.

AFRAID, SHE WROTE SISTER

Kuehling Reiterates Story of Wife's Drowning in Canoe Accident.

HE MAINTAINS INNOCENCE

Will Seek His Freedom Today On Writ of Habeas Corpus.

KUEHLING WON'T BE FREED, SAYS GRANT

"I certainly have no intention of releasing Kuehling," declared Inspector Clifford L. Grant, Chief of Detectives, today when asked as to reports that the prisoner was to be freed.

"We have many important details in connection with the drowning of Mrs. Kuehling which must be probed. Kuehling can help us a great deal, if he will. If Kuehling is released, it will not be done with my sanction."

Fearing death from poisoning, Mrs. Gertrude Viger Kuehling, thirty-two-year-old heiress and member of a cultured and prominent family of Detroit, Mich., wrote her sister of her suspicions while she was a patient at the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, last July.

This information was given the police today by Howard B. Osgood, wealthy Detroit real estate operator, and divorced husband of Mrs. Kuehling, who came to Washington yesterday to help clear up the mystery surrounding her alleged drowning from a canoe in the Potomac river, near Chain Bridge, last Wednesday night.

Despite the information gathered by the police of the past life of Kuehling, particularly since his marriage, he maintains his innocence of any semblance of responsibility for her death and today will attempt to obtain his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

When told of Osgood's statement concerning Mrs. Kuehling's fear of poisoning, the prisoner indignantly denied he had any knowledge of her having suffered from drugs.

"If my wife suffered from poisoning," Kuehling said, "I did not administer it."

Becoming very ill on July 1, Mrs. Kuehling was removed from her home in Woodside, Montgomery county, Md., to the sanitarium. Dr. Laurette Kress, a specialist in digestive and stomach disturbances which she believed were due to the eating of cantaloupe.

"The woman had a high temperature and was very sick," said Dr. Kress this morning. "She evidenced no acute pains such as I would look for in arsenic poisoning. It was my opinion the patient suffered from a condition due to something she ate."

Kuehling, at the time, insisted upon remaining constantly with his wife and a cot was ordered to Mrs. Kuehling's room in the hospital. During an entire week, Dr. Kress said, she only found two opportunities to see the heiress alone.

HAD DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

"I realized from a word dropped here and there that the couple did not get along as happy as might be," said the physician. Dr. Kress said that Kuehling insisted that his wife leave the hospital before she had entirely recovered from the illness.

"On one occasion," said the physician, "Mrs. Kuehling asked me if I felt she was able to leave the hospital. I told her no—that she should remain a while longer. Well, she replied, 'Mr. Kuehling thinks I ought to leave now.'"

"Then I thought he did not want to have the expense of keeping his wife at the hospital and I told Mrs. Kuehling so. But she replied that 'He didn't have to pay. I did not think they were without funds, as I noticed Mrs. Kuehling wore valuable rings and had other jewelry.'"

Dr. Kress said on the day Mrs. Kuehling left the hospital she was extremely weak and had to be assisted to her automobile.

As soon as Osgood told of the police letter, Detective Sergeants Fred Haur and Thomas Sweney went to the heiress' apartments and took several bottles of drugs which today are analyzed by the District chemist to find whether they contain poison.

While Osgood and Kuehling on the same motor boat with wives A. B. Scrivener, Edw. Kelly, Thomas Walsh and others.

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